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New Community Honors Twenty-Eight Longtime Employees For Dedicated Service

Friday, November 4, 1988 marked the origin of something very special for New Community — the very first Employees' Recognition Day.

On that day, the Board of Directors invited twenty-eight faithful employees with service of five years to fifteen years to an awards ceremony in the Executive Conference Room at St. Joseph Plaza. In keeping with the theme of time the varying awards were all some type of timepiece, engraved for the occasion.

Monsignor Wm. J. Linder addressed the group, commending them on their longevity of service and stressing the need for such dedication to accomplish their goal of service to the community.

Arthur Wilson, president of the board of directors and Mary Smith, treasurer, reaffirmed their pride in the employees being honored.

It was a time of celebration as Mr. Wilson called out the names, Father Linder scanned the awards and Mrs. Smith handled the presentations. Board members Soledad Alston and Joe Chaneyfield as well as NCC Directors were present to share the occasion.

Luncheon at the Priory Restaurant followed, after which the group was given the rest of the day off (no objections voiced to that at all).

Cecilia Faulks was recognized as the employee with the greatest longevity, having the distinction also of being New Community's first paid employee. She is now Director of Human Resources.

New Community's first accounting clerk in finance, Lemira Reese, with eleven years service is now site manager for NC Douglas and NC Commons Seniors.

Two people from Central Maintenance each have been with New Community for ten years. Palford Drye had originally been a Babyland employee but left to work for the post office. When New Community housing began to appear, he was asked to provide the maintenance and his pleasant smile and dedication have smoothed many a problem ever since. Edward Patterson joined him and their reliability has been a Godsend. As a matter of fact, Pal missed the ceremony because he and several others kept the maintenance going. Since so many longterm employees were from that department it would practically have caused a work stoppage if they had all attended.

The third ten year employee, Archie Williams, took the reins of site manager for New Community's first completed building group called NC

Homes. At the height of our construction with NC Commons and NC Douglas we began to need a relocation person. Archie transferred at that time to our development department. His expertise with people,

Cheek took on the job of superintendent of NC Homes when it was finished in 1979 and transferred to NC Commons Seniors when it was built.

New Community has always been concerned with the needs of people,



New Community employees recently honored at a Recognition Day ceremony and luncheon pose outside St. Joseph Plaza.

thanks to a teaching background, was just what was needed. He knows everybody in the community and can easily work with them.

Our first building maintenance man is still with us also. Arthur

and Mr. Cheek's transfer is an example of this. Since NC Commons had accessibility for the handicapped and since Mr. Cheek's wife was confined to a wheelchair, the transfer meant

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Innocent Little Children Need Your Help

This year Babyland has extended its compassionate caring to include a most innocent and vulnerable group...tiny infants and toddlers who



have been born into the world with AIDS.

Despite the short and tenuous hold these little ones have on life, their very lives are capable of giving us all an opportunity to affirm the sacredness of every life in our public witness of mercy and help on their behalf. Your contributions, whether large or small, will help their short little lives to be as happy and normal as possible.

Checks can be made out to NCC Parent Child Center.

Please send whatever you can to:
NCC Parent Child Center
c/o Brother Tom Lee
SAINT JOSEPH PLAZA
233 West Market Street
Newark, New Jersey 07103
ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

St. Rose Centennial Touches Many Cultures

The opening liturgy of St. Rose of Lima's Centennial Year brought together people of many cultures depicted by flags from thirty-two nations being carried in procession at the bi-lingual ceremony.

In January an International Night revealed the diverse cultures of St. Rose parishioners as they demonstrated with food, dance and fashions their ethnic heritages.

An evening of prayer united all as they manifested the deep faith that binds us together and a Children's Festival followed, continuing the spread of pride in our beginnings to another generation.

In November, Sister Thea Bowman

conducted an Evangelization program which was directed to people sharing her Black heritage and gave hope for a future which could share the Good News. (See related stories in this issue of the Clarion.)

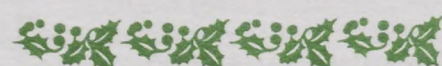
The formal closing of the Centennial will be held on Sunday, December 11, 1988. The Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, will concelebrate Mass along with the Most Reverend Joseph A. Francis, Regional Bishop of Essex County, Msgr. William J. Linder, Pastor of St. Rose and other parish priests.

It has been a spiritually rewarding and culturally enlightening year.

See related articles pages 4 and 5.



SEASONS GREETINGS



Viewpoint: President's Report

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Unemployment, traffic and transportation, health and the environment, housing and day care. These are among society's greatest problems. Yet what we all too often forget is that society's problems are business problems — and that business can be a part of the solution.

With that philosophy guiding us, we are especially excited about a joint project we've embarked upon with the Leonard N. Stern Foundation and New Community Corp., a Newark-based not-for-profit social service and housing agency.

The foundation has been at the



Chairman Leonard Stern, Msgr. William Linder and President Gene Heller.

forefront in creating innovative private solutions for dealing with New York's mounting homeless problem. Over its 20-year history, New Community has proven its ability to provide the kinds of support inner-city residents need to be able to help themselves. Moreover, it provides that assistance at less cost and more efficiently than public agencies seem to be able. To date, New Community has built almost 2,600 dwelling units, found jobs for thousands of people, tends to a thousand youngsters in day care, and has helped place many families into permanent housing.

Together we will build transitional housing for more than 100 homeless families at a site in Newark's Central Ward. New Community Harmony House will be just two blocks from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and is adjacent to New Community's own health care facility.

Families would live at New Community Harmony House for about a

year while receiving job or skills training, counseling, day care for their children, family activities, medical check-ups, nutrition and health services. On-site caseworkers from the county welfare agency and the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) would provide further support.

Considering that last winter, at the height of the housing crisis, there were about 700 families in Essex County — totaling 1,500 adults and children — on emergency assistance, the 100-plus families represent a large share of those the county has been lodging in motels because emergency shelter space is scarce and housing is beyond the reach of many families.

The cost of the housing and services — an estimated \$1.8 million annually — shall be provided by redirecting state and county government dollars currently spent on emergency assistance for shelter at motels. Additional funding would be sought from various state and federal funding sources.

Essex County currently spends \$70 a day for just a motel room. At Harmony House, the cost will be about \$50 per day — including a new apartment and the essential social services.

Within nine months of approval, we will have completed construction of the three-story housing complex and adjacent community center. The construction cost of the project is estimated at \$4 million and will be assisted by a state grant of \$1 million and long-term financing by Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. of Newark.

To date, we have received state officials' support of the project and their recognition that the private sector has developed a creative and cost-effective model solution to a major social problem. And they recognize the success of this project will depend largely on the state's creativity and flexibility in terms of existing funding policies.

We at Hartz know the building industry; we can get projects completed on-time and on-budget. New Community has the proven human resources expertise to provide the services these families require. Together, with the state's cooperation, we have a team that can really make a difference. And whether you're a business or an individual, isn't that what life is all about?

Gene Heller, President

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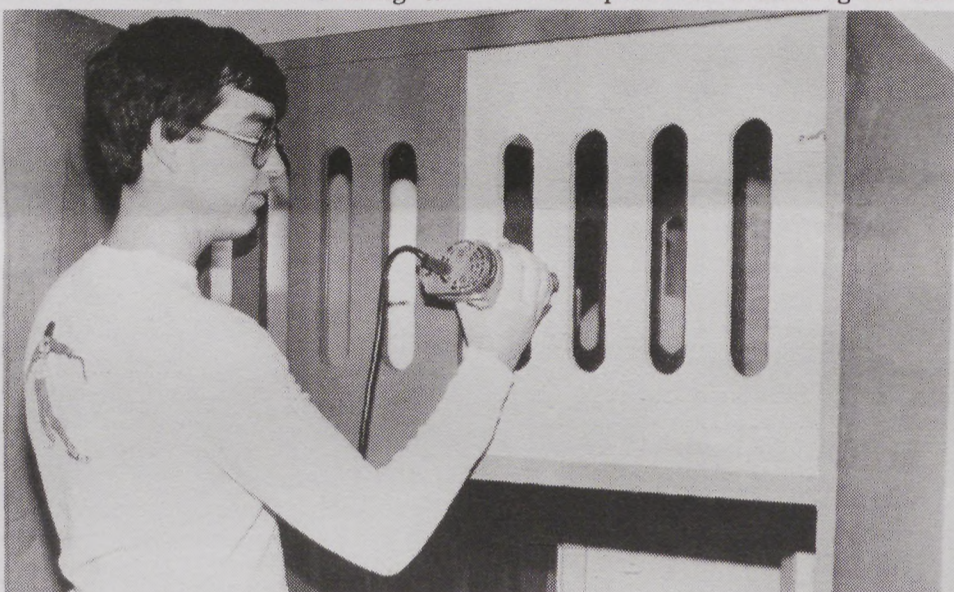
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Generous Hearts Give AIDS Children Hope

When Babyland decided earlier this year to take on the care of infants and toddlers with the AIDS virus in a specialized day care center they knew they were breaking new ground. What they didn't know was what to expect from people.

It has been a heartwarming ex-

perience, thanks to people like Governor Kean and his dedicated cabinet members, wonderful government officials, medical people who couldn't wait to help, Bellemead Development Corporation, and the hard working homeless men who are helping renovate the building. But you've already heard about all of them in the Clarion.



Mr. Jim Rohrman works on a crib for the AIDS children's daycare center.

The cribs are being fabricated by

hand at St. Rose by Benjamin Saramiento, Bernie Arceo and Jim Rohrman for Babyland. Sales representative Dave Darcy knew of the special purpose for which the cribs were being created and mentioned it to Mr. Libman. When Jim sent a letter of explanation describing the non-

profit day care center and asked for help the response was overwhelming.

"We were very glad to help," said Mr. Libman. "It sounds like a good thing they're doing." He has two healthy children himself, he explained, "and I'm grateful for that. So if we can help those who are less fortunate, I think we have an obligation to do so."

Mr. Darcy also felt it was "a fantastic cause" and was glad to be a part of it.

There will be many little ones whose all too short days here on earth will be easier thanks to the generous hearts of Mr. Libman and Mr. Darcy.

May that knowledge bring them comfort, as it has brought us hope.

A Heartfelt Thanks To Caring People

Babyland's Parent Child Center was visited by three hard-working advocates for the Teen Parents and AIDS Programs.

One of the visitors, Patricia Rhodes, was recently received into the Catholic Church in Blessed Sacra-

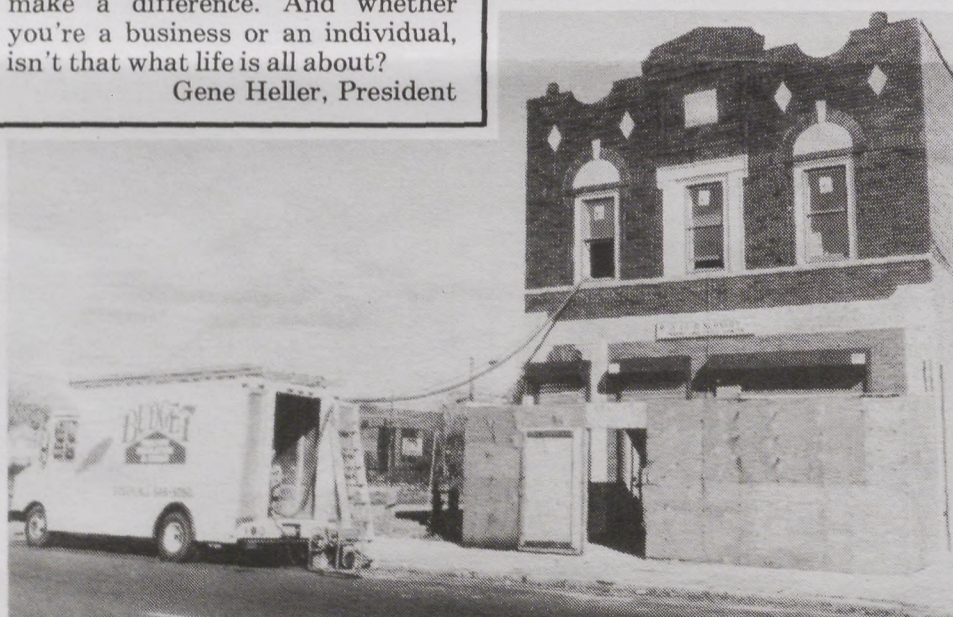
ment Parish, Roseland, New Jersey. She wanted to put her faith into action and serve others in some way, so Pat volunteered this past summer as a Caregiver at Babyland III. She heard about Babyland's new Parent and Child Center and wanted to collect toys for the children.

Pat was joined by Andrew Segal of Essex Fells Cub Scouts Den 4 Pack 321. Andrew told us that November 11-14 are Boys Scouts "Good Deed Days" so they decided to donate their combined collection of toys to our children on November 11.

Pat and Andrew were brought to Babyland I to deliver their toys by their encourager and supporter, Sister Margaret Foster, also of Blessed Sacrament Church. Our teens were just as excited as their babies were, when they saw the Cabbage Patch "Koosas," stuffed animals and books.

The generosity of people like Patricia and Andrew helps us provide that extra caring touch to the people we serve. We are indeed grateful.

Sister Clare Elton
PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Budget Installation of Dover, N.J. donated ALL of the insulation materials and labor for Babyland's Parent Child Center.

Second Leadership Institute Comes To A Close

The closing celebration of the New Community Network Leadership Institute took place on December 3 at NC Commons Seniors, 140 South Orange Avenue.

For the second time this year, beaming graduates gathered with proud relatives and friends to display recently developed skills and have their wonderful accomplishments acknowledged.

Several students of the previous session were on hand to cheer their new colleagues and to renew acquaintances. Pre-eminent among them was Viola Walker, former gold medal graduate of the Institute and resident of Commons Seniors, who welcomed the group.

After the welcome, each new graduate gave a short speech. These were judged by three members of the Institute's Planning Committee; Mowbrey McKinley-Green and Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett of NC Social Services, and Richard Proctor of St. Rose of Lima School. These poor souls are still trying to recover from their horrendous task of picking the three best of five excellent speeches.

In a surprise move taking advantage of the fact that the program was well ahead of schedule, Richard Proctor, who kept things moving along so beautifully, invited each past graduate present to fill us in on "life after the institute." It was moving and inspiring to hear the remarks of Ruby Marshall, Alma Hanks and Helen Vaughn, all of NC Douglas, 15 Hill Street. (Get Alma Hanks to tell you about her "condition" sometime!)

After a delicious lunch prepared by Babyland Caterers, Mowbrey McKinley-Green expressed appreciation for the people who spoke on various issues during the weekly ses-

sions; Michelle Odom of NCC's Employment Center was on hand to congratulate the graduates and accept her Certificate of Appreciation in person.

After this, Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., who has been the mainstay of the Institute during both series, presented Certificates of Achievement to the graduates: Frances Dudley, President of NC Gardens Families Tenants' Association; Gloria Ferrell of Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Shelter; Betty Garbutt of NC Extended Care; Karen Green of NC Homes and the NCC Management Office; Jo-Ann Mays, President of the St. Rose of Lima Home-School Association; Gladys McCross of NC Douglass-Harrison and Nettie Smith of NC Gardens Families.

Special recognition was given to Gloria Ferrell, the only graduate to achieve Perfect Attendance.

Medals were presented to graduates who made the three best speeches:

Bronze - Gladys McCross;
Silver - Gloria Ferrell and
Gold - Jo-Ann Mays.

The judges longed to have the Midas Touch, which would have enabled them to produce five gold medals!

Elma Bateman, Board of Trustees member since New Community's inception, added her congratulations and well wishes to the chorus and re-emphasized the importance of what the group is about.

In closing, Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett, chair of the Planning Committee, made a few remarks congratulating the graduates, reemphasizing the importance of the Institute, outlining plans for its future, and thanking Network members, especially the

issues presenters, for their strong support and interest. Special thanks were expressed to Sr. Doris Ann for her magnificent contribution.

Pride and enthusiasm were most apparent as the group moved out into what promises to be a bright future.



Boardmember Elma Bateman, Jo-Ann Mays (this year's gold medalist) and Mr. Richard Proctor at the recent Leadership Institute graduation.

Leadership Development Takes A Front Seat

For eight weeks, members of the New Community/Babyland/St. Rose Parish Network with recognized leadership potential have been gathering for two hours at Babyland III's Conference Room. Each week, "experts" from the Network present an issue of importance to people today. After that, Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., Principal of Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, N.J., better known in these parts as NCC's former Director of Operations, challenges the group to do whatever they can to make the world a better place, by using their influence and communicating clearly. This is what leaders do, and there is a tremendous dearth of leaders today.

A practice session follows, giving participants experience of organizing their thoughts, speaking before groups, and acquiring better and better speaking skills.

It's difficult to describe the chemistry of these sessions. Sufficient to say that week after week evaluations come back reading: "What did you like best?" "Everything."; "What did you like least?" "Too short!"

Sr. Doris Ann is eminently successful at accomplishing the goal of the Leadership Institute which is to "nurture an active group of positive, enthusiastic and articulate leaders who have the power within themselves to transform whatever they touch."

The group responds to her good humored challenges with a level of excitement and determination that is amazing.

The New Community/Babyland/St. Rose Parish Network is proud to sponsor the Leadership Institute, and is proud of all its graduates, past and present, who are hard at work transforming the world.

It's A Small World After All

Even though we are all tired of hearing that "what goes around comes around," meaningful for instances can still capture our attention. This one captured mine:

Madge Wilson was speaking about New Community's beginnings at a recent session of the Leadership Institute when she mentioned how helpful the Telephone Pioneers had been during its first efforts. Gladys McCross, a participant whose normal level of enthusiasm is remarkable, got even more excited telling the group about her own membership in the Pioneers at the very time they were doing so much good — first at Babyland I, later at Babyland III. Subsequently it came to light that Gladys was part of a group of Pioneers who went to play Bingo with the residents of NC Roseville, 1 South Eighth Street, when it was still a Home for the Aged, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Her 30 year involvement with N.J. Bell was her first and only job. Now, as a young retiree, taking care of a charming granddaughter, Gladys continues to live out the Pioneer philosophy that life is about being happy about doing good.

Gladys McCross has been living at Douglass-Harrison since 1974 and remembers when ownership changed over from the Prudential Insurance Company to New Community. She

saw this as an opportunity "to meet all new people, beautiful people, wonderful people, like Sr. Anne, Sr. Joan, and Sr. Catherine."

In reflecting on her experience of the Leadership Institute, Gladys said: "It made me feel better about myself...it was a different experience...it helped me to see my whole life pattern differently. The Leadership Institute opened a door, and sometimes I need a door to be opened! It helped me to get over my apprehension. Now I feel I can get up and talk to people without getting so nervous. We all need to interact. When we do, we find we are all thinking the same thing. Now it is time to get out and do something about what we are thinking! Everyone in that group had something in common. We were all there to learn, and we all wanted to better ourselves."

Gladys was thrilled to receive the Bronze Medal at the Leadership Institute Graduation. While being congratulated by her building manager Sr. Anne Quirk, she said, "Forget about painting my apartment; I'll just hang this on the wall!"

To everyone who is considering making a move up, Gladys would say, "You can get just what I got, even if it takes years."

To end as I began, with a tired phrase, "Go for it!"

Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett

Thanks To Our Elves At Commons

Immediate preparations for the closing of the Leadership Institute were well under way early Saturday morning, December 3, while the dew was still on the roses.

It wasn't the Planning Committee members, faithful though they be, who were first on the scene, setting-up, making coffee, and seeing to finishing touches. No, it was the Dawn Patrol, our wonderful host and hostesses at NC Commons Seniors, 140 So. Orange Ave.: Marian Simpson, Richard Barfield, Irene Carr, and Viola Walker, and Security Officer

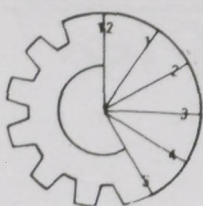
Sheila White who went all out to make us all feel welcome.

Well, all these efforts paid off! The spirit in the building, and seeing these inspiring people so ready to be of service throughout the program gave arriving guests a warm and welcome sense of coming home. Thank you, one and all! We couldn't have done it without you.

Mowbrey McKinley-Green
Sr. Helene Trueitt
Richard Proctor
Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett



Host and Hostesses for the Leadership graduation (left to right): Irene Carr, Richard Barfield, Sr. Kay Coll, Marion Simpson and Viola Walker.



NCC Employment Center

We're Over The Top

122 Placements In November

According to Michelle Odom co-director of the New Community Employment Center, the goal of 1200 job placements set for the 1988 year has already been exceeded.

With 122 placements in November, the Employment Center has already

found 1399 permanent jobs for local residents, and December is yet to come.

Congratulations to all...both employees and those wonderful people who provide so many with the opportunity for a job.

Sharing The Christmas Spirit



Sharing the holiday spirit and some candy canes as well are Mr. Sterling Wise of Commons Seniors and some visitors from the after school program.

Enjoy Your Holiday Getogether

at

The Priory Restaurant

with

**Good Food, Good Music
And Good Friends**



Celebrate under the stained-glass dome of **The Priory**, or choose the comfortable, inviting ambience of the Atrium, or the stylishly elegant charm of The Conference Center. Whichever you choose at St. Joseph Plaza, you'll dine on the delicious cuisine that's made **The Priory** a favorite.

Reserve A Table For Lunch Or Dinner
Some Openings For Group Parties Are Still Available

Call Mr. S. Natesan At 242-8012

In The Works

**A Recording Of
"New Community....A Special Place"**

This official theme song of New Community, written by Warren Alston, will be available in cassette form soon.

Watch for further details in the January Issue of **The Clarion**.

Reactions To Sister Thea Bowman

As I sat listening to Sister Thea it was like being transformed, one soul communicating to another in a language that cannot really be expressed in words. She sang and I felt her voice, she spoke and I heard the true meaning behind the words. She challenged me to be in the church, really in the church. I now understand the meaning of the word Catholic. We are both from the South. I understand about the "back of the bus" etc. I also traveled with my husband across America and lived in Europe for three years. So for me she spoke the language of the universe, which is love - the type of love that Jesus Christ was teaching two thousand years ago.

Because of people like Sister Thea we are one step closer to the meaning of love, unconditional, unbiased, brotherly and sisterly love. I am glad I had the chance to tell her I love her and my life is richer from the experience.

Mary Alice Smith
Caregiver, Babyland II

Sister's suffering and pain made her songs and words give meaning to what she was saying. It really inspired me to go forth to tell everyone of the love Jesus has for each one of us.

Sister Clare Terrance, O.S.P.

Because we were always singing in my home and believed: "Without A Song, The Day Would Never End..." The message of evangelization and centennial celebration, given by Sister Thea Bowman warmed not only my hope in the people of St. Rose of Lima, but warmed my heart with happy memories of home and harmony, because she employed songs and spirituals.

"Jesus is The Answer"...Sr. Thea stated that is Jesus is the answer. We must each be church to one another and do our church work and if something in the church family is broken, we...We...must fix it (song) "Lord I Want to be More Loving" to fix it if you want to be right with one another...for (song) "Plenty Good Room in My Father's Kingdom" so we must open our rooms and hearts by building-up one another...why, because, (song) "God Has Smiled On Me." Sister Thea also reminded us that often we have to go through alot to get to the goodness of one another... (song) "Walk Together Children"... "Good News"...if we are looking for Jesus it is here in this Church that we will find Him for (song) "We Shall Overcome" for people need to hear our voices for (song) "We Have Come This Far By Faith" Sr. M. Helene Trueitt, ASC

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

The Kindergarten class decided to have a Thanksgiving Feast in their classroom, to celebrate Thanksgiving. The dinner was prepared in the classroom by the students with some assistance from a few seventh grade students.

Preparing for the event helped them to understand the true meaning of teamwork. They were also able to experience the task of preparing and serving a meal to a large group of people. The children made Pilgrim and Indian hats so that they would be dressed for the occasion and desks were arranged in the form of a long dining room table. Every child stated his or her reason for being thankful

after which student Agyeuwa Weathers said the prayer, and they all ate together.

The menu consisted of a turkey sandwich meat platter, a fresh fruit platter, a platter of cookies and doughnuts, nuts, soda, and punch. After the meal the children helped with the clean-up just as they did with the preparations.

The event was a success since the students enjoyed it very much. I was very pleased with the outcome and am eagerly looking forward to doing something just as special with the students for Christmas.

Linda Richardson-Blackwell
Kindergarten Teacher



St. Rose of Lima School's kindergarten class enjoyed their own special Thanksgiving with a little help from their 7th grade friends.

Beginnings: St. Rose Parish

December 6, 1888, marked the beginning of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in the Roseville section of Newark. As with so many other fledgling parishes, Saint Rose did not open with the magnificent church structure which presently stands on Orange Street. In fact, the first mass was celebrated in an upper room of the Roseville Skating Rink.

Father James McKeever, the founding pastor, lived at Saint James Rectory for a time. In March 1889, with a collection of \$174.08, he furnished his newly purchased rectory at 22 Bathgate Place. Weekday Masses were celebrated in the parlor of this house and confessions were heard in the dining room. This arrangement was temporary, however, for Father McKeever bought property and built a small wooden church on Orange and Gray Streets. Mass on Christmas 1889 was celebrated in this structure.

In 1891, Father McKeever bought an old Methodist stone structure on Warren Street for \$5,500. By 1892, reconstruction work was completed on this building and it opened as Saint Rose School. Three Sisters of Charity of Convent Station greeted 100 students on September 1 of that year. For five years the school operated in this refurbished Church. The Sisters commuted from Saint Vincent Academy until a residence for them was rented on South 12th Street in 1897. When a small house on Gray Street was purchased in 1899, the Sisters moved once more.

Meanwhile, much relocation was in process. The Methodist Church which housed the school would now be used as Saint Rose Church in order to accommodate the growing parish which by 1897 numbered 1200. The wooden structure built by Father McKeever for his first church would now (1897) become the school.

More property was purchased in 1899 and 1907 for a rectory and convent, respectively. Also, in 1907, construction was begun for a new school which would be a permanent structure. In 1925 a new stone church was dedicated. Saint Rose of Lima Church is a magnificent structure with stained glass windows of rare beauty and quality.

During all those early years and on into the mid 50's, Saint Rose Parish grew steadily in membership which peaked over 3000 families. The great exodus to the suburbs was in full bloom by the late 50's and the parish rolls swiftly declined. Saint Rose's shifting numerical membership in the past thirty years was typical of most city parishes. The early Irish, Italian, and Polish immigrants who built the parish have handed down a rich heritage to present parishioners who are Black, Hispanic, Filipino, Cuban, Haitian, Columbian, and Puerto Rican.

While the present group has not the problem of building structures, they have the challenge of building community among cultural differences and individual heritages. As it has done in the past, Saint Rose will continue to do — reach out to the families of long standing in the parish and to the newly arrived in Newark and the USA.

A Living Inspiration Shares The Good News

On Sunday, November 20, 1988 at St. Rose of Lima Church, Sister Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration delivered a spirit filled message on Evangelization: Sharing The Good News. This was a memorable service in observance of St. Rose of Lima's 100 years in the Roseville area.

Sister Bowman, adorned in a turban and an African garb that is a symbol of her own personal life experience coupled with that of the Blacks' experience, gave a message of love and service to others. The Blacks' experience not only helps others to understand Blacks, but helps the Blacks to understand themselves.

Sister Bowman told how the Blacks always looked for a better land. It was in the late 20's and early 30's that Blacks came to New Jersey seeking such a land. She told how the Blacks came believing that their children would get a decent education. They also believed that they would have decent homes and "no more riding in back of the bus."

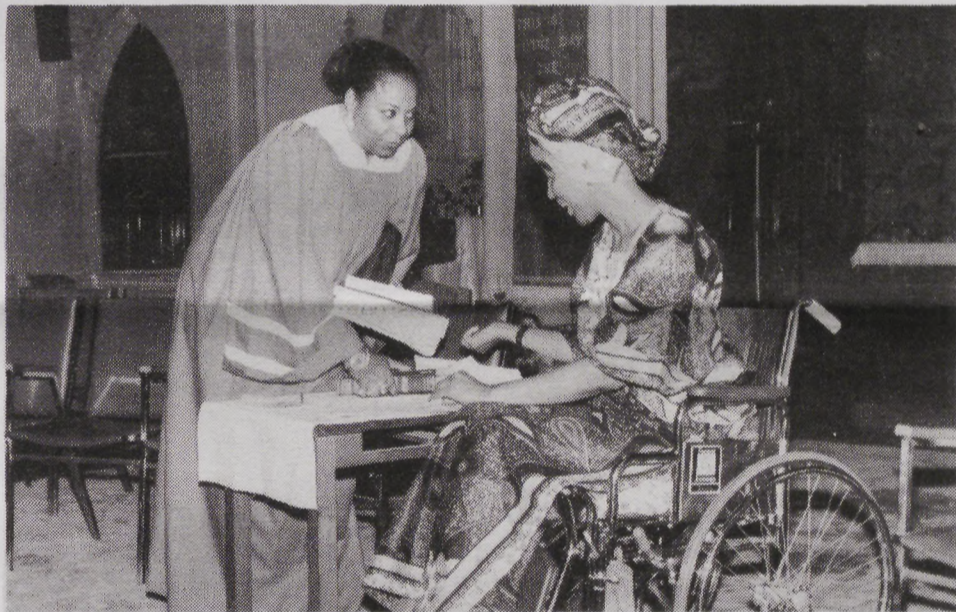
Sister Bowman's strong and melodious voice rang out a message

mission of the Church in Newark. We were admonished by Sister Bowman to be more dedicated to the work of the Church. "Sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ means working in and for the Church," she emphasized.

The message of Sister Bowman on Evangelization transcends all ages.



Sr. Thea Bowman joins the St. Rose Choir in singing, "We Shall Overcome."



Ms. Emily Ross and Sr. Thea discuss the evening's program on evangelization.

as she sang the words of an old spiritual "Old Time Religion." She stated: "Old time religion taught us all to love one another. This old time religion was good enough for our fathers and we, as the Church of today and tomorrow should be willing to say, "It's good enough for me." The gathering was also reminded by Sister Bowman that, "We've Come This Far by Faith." The Choir of St. Rose of Lima joined Sister Bowman in that song, which helped to reinforce her act of recalling the faith of all who helped to build St. Rose of Lima Church over the 100 years — the different races of people with their many cultural diversities that had and still do worship in the Church of St. Rose of Lima.

Sister Bowman reminded us of our responsibilities. As Church, we have to testify and be a living example of the Good News — not only in the Church in the city and state but examples of the Good News to the whole world. We as Church need to provide homes for the homeless, to feed the hungry, to take care of the babies and to provide for the elders. Sister gave recognition to New Community Corporation for truly carrying out the

She told the youth of the Church that they were not too young to share the Good News of the Father's love by working for the Church. She demonstrated this when she shared her own experiences. As a child she would carry food to needy families at the request of her parents. We, the adults of the Church were told by Sister Bowman to teach the youth how to work in and for the Church; they should be encouraged to help their neighbors who are in need. We were reminded that there are forces in our society that bring pressure to

bear on not only the youth but the adults. These pressures are in the form of crime, drugs, violence, and teenage pregnancy. Bowman feels the Church should play a greater role in combating these forces.

Sister Bowman rendered a song expressing the desire of all Christians: "Lord I Want To Be A Christian In

My Heart." It is only with a dedication and love of the Church that we can live out the true meaning of that song. In order to be like Jesus in our hearts, we have to recognize that God loves us all, stressed Sister Bowman. She told those gathered that we need to tell one another in our homes, in our church and even in our world, "I really, really love you." This is not done often enough in homes or in churches.

"In sharing the Good News we have to share with others," repeated Sister. She demonstrated her statement by calling the great grandmothers in the church's audience to come up to her. She then lovingly distributed flowers to them from the bouquet that had previously been presented to her by the church.

Sister Thea rendered songs such as "Good News, the Chariot's Acoming" and "We Shall Overcome" along with the choir to dramatize the Good News. Sister charged us to develop not only our spiritual power, but to develop moral, social, economic and political power in order to spread the Good News and help to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.

The message of Good News as delivered by Sister Thea did our hearts good. It quickened our spirits, renewed our strength and gave us courage to go out as evangelists to share it with others in words and deeds.

Burnell Williams

Who Is Sister Thea Bowman?

"Oh, children, shout for joy!" Her grandmother was a slave.

"Oh, children clap for joy!"

She holds a Ph.D. in English language and literature, is a Faulkner expert, a professional vocalist and a Catholic sister.

"Feel like singing, shout for joy!"

Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, is lifting up our children in a profound way: She is demonstrating to them what a gift it is to be black.

Director, Diocesan Office of Intercultural Awareness, Jackson, Mississippi; faculty member, Institute for Black Studies, Xavier University of New Orleans in Louisiana; Internationally renowned for preaching the Gospel through high-spirited song and dance for nearly 30 years, Sister Thea Bowman works in parishes, schools and almost anywhere to help people understand what it means to be black and Catholic.

Longtime Employees Receive Recognition...

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he no longer had to carry her up from their lower level apartment in Homes, but could simply wheel her in and out and use the elevator at Commons.

Also contributing nine years of service is Joseph Hollie of Central Maintenance who came aboard as our plumber and is now senior plumber for NCC.

To leave out Sister Clare Terrance, O.S.P. would be unthinkable. In her nine years with New Community she has touched many lives as part of our Social Services Department and in her present role as the Religious Education Coordinator at St. Rose School. Sister was a former principal of Queen of Angels School and thus familiar with many of the families moving into New Community housing.

With eight years of service Madge Wilson has been involved in many facets of New Community's growth. Madge is an original member of the Housing Education Program which enabled area residents to study housing in other areas of the country, and working with architects and construction people, decide what was necessary here in Newark. The results of their work can be seen in NC Homes family buildings.

Madge is also an original member of the Babyland Nursery board (since 1969). She came to New Community in 1980 and is presently Assistant Administrative Director of Management.

Hidden over in Saint Rose Rectory is another eight year employee, Carmen Gamalinda, who started as a volunteer for Babyland but who was eventually asked to contribute her talents to New Community. As ad-

ministrative secretary she has helped in so many ways (this editor when just a fledgling, for one example) it would be impossible to define them; but among them all she is also Monsignor Linder's right arm.

Other Central Maintenance employees honored were Lawrence Bennett and Owen Thompson for seven years' service and Eaton Black, Kevin Covington, Christopher Luke, Donald Reese and Linda Studivant with five years' service.

From Building Maintenance, Robert West and Keith Tonsul received 7 year awards, while Bryant Hall has served for five years.

John Jackson and James Sullivan have been valued members of our Security Department for seven years, followed by George Harris, Harriet Price and Shiela White with a five year record.

Sister Anastasia Hearne from Social Services has been a familiar presence for the last six years easing the problems of seniors and families alike with her compassionate gift.

And finally, from St. Joseph Plaza, Geana Bryant has handled the reception desk for New Community for the past five years, while Billie Sanders moved with the finance department from its raw beginnings at 755 South Orange Avenue to the modern surroundings of the Plaza lending her stable expertise.

Clarion Editor Patricia Foley has also moved from a beginning in a six by six windowless library/office five years ago to the spacious second floor of St. Joseph Plaza.

Time certainly has flown, and we congratulate everyone for their dedication which has enabled New Community to do so much for others in its relatively short lifetime.

New Community's First Employee:

Cecilia Faulks

To call Mrs. Cecilia Faulks our oldest employee would certainly be a misnomer as anyone who has seen this young woman in action can attest. She is however the employee with the greatest longevity having come to work at New Community on October 1, 1973. Cecilia came to work for Queen of Angels school in 1969 shortly after Father Linder and a group of parishioners had incorporated New Community Corporation. Her responsibilities as secretary of the school soon included whatever work was needed for NCC.

As the New Community dream took hold through the efforts of the New Community Foundation — the suburban fund raising arm originated by the Jaycees from Berkeley Heights — \$100,000 was raised by selling token shares of five dollars to more than 3,000 individuals. (Cecilia's sister Mae Moses worked in the Foundation office sending out mailings, shares and thank yous for contributions.)

A housing education program followed, Cecilia remembers, with classes on Saturdays where architects and others in the field lectured, and with field trips to model communities like Reston, Virginia to get ideas. Everything was still being done through the school.

Finally in 1973 a grant was received from the Victoria Foundation to actually open an office for the New Community Corporation. A person was needed to run the office.

With her previous indoctrination into NCC Cecilia was the logical person for the job. When Father Linder asked, Cecilia accepted.

Cecilia was born in Georgia but came to Newark in 1957. Her family belonged to Queen of Angels Parish but Cecilia lived with an aunt in St. Columbas's Parish. When her son got ready for school, the logical choice



Cpl. Sheila White, Sgt. John Jackson and Madge Wilson wait for the ceremony to begin.



Mary Smith, Carmen Gamalinda, Madge Wilson and Cecilia Faulks pose for posterity.



Owen Thompson, Sr. Clare Terrance and Clarion editor Pat Foley were recognized for their outstanding service.

was Queen of Angels where Cecilia's younger brothers and sisters went and could look after him. The rest is history.

Cecilia has had many responsibilities during her fifteen years at New Community. She is currently Human Resources Director and Secretary to the Board of Directors.

Cecilia and her husband, Leroy, have three children and three grandchildren.

Photo left: Boardmember Mary Smith congratulates Mrs. Cecilia Faulks.



Carmen Gamalinda and Msgr. Linder enjoy the luncheon.



Linda Studivant is a happy recipient.



Lemira Reese



Boardmember Art Wilson, Mr. Bob West and Mary Smith.



Mr. Bal Doshi, Carmen Gamalinda, Ray Codey and Mrs. Cecilia Faulks.



Sr. Clare Terrance, Mary Smith and Msgr. Linder.



Mr. Arthur Cheek shares the spotlight with Mary Smith and Msgr. Linder.



Mary Smith, Pat Foley and Madge Wilson.



A proud Billie Sanders with Mrs. Smith.



Ms. Geana Bryant awaits her award as Mrs. Smith and Msgr. Linder discuss the situation.



Carmen Gamalinda with Boardmember Soledad Alston.

Reflections:

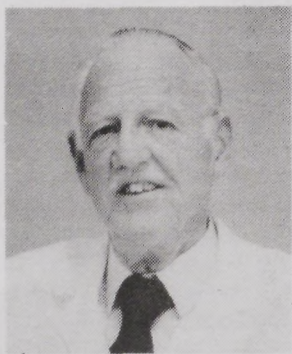
Jumping Over The Fence

It would appear that I am spending less and less time on Medical topics, and more and more on life experiences.

We talk about education as a means to achieve. Having been raised in the depression, I can well remember how I, and many of my classmates, got through Medical School through family sacrifice. In much that is Newark today, many families cannot even put that together, but the Armed Forces is certainly a way to achieve. The fact that the government will put \$2.00 away if the inductee will sign off \$1.00 out of each paycheck, certainly creates a beautiful start for College on completion of the term of enlistment. This plan, plus the G.I. Bill can ensure the plan for College. This is one way to jump over the fence.

For those who do not aspire through education, the trades are still a potential. Carpentry, plumbing, electricity, and law enforcement are other ways to go. So parents and grandparents, encourage the children to explore these possibilities.

However, when one talks of sacrifice, a recent TV panel explored charitable donations. It was amazing to see that the wealthy give 2.3% of



Dr. Paul
Kearney

their income to charity, while the poor give 2.7%. One has to live among the poor to see someone else who is worse off than oneself.

The poor will always be with us; but as to Newark, I have seen a change for the betterment in the past twenty years. There is improved housing both for the aged and the infirmed; available and affordable housing for the working families (but never, never enough); and an improving market for job opportunities. New Community has rung many a bell in this direction. It has set a goal and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Paul A. Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Medical Director
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

SHARE At Babyland Nursery II

What is SHARE? SHARE stands for Self Help And Resource Exchange. It is dedicated to providing a method for the hungry to help themselves. It is also a channel through which sizeable amounts of food are made available to those who need them.

The parents at Babyland Nursery pay \$12.00 for \$35.00 worth of food, which consists of: fresh vegetables, poultry or turkey and assorted fruits.

The SHARE Program was ideal for Babyland II. These parents felt they could benefit greatly from the program. A committee has been formed among them and each parent has a designated task to sort, bag and box food for distribution. The parents are doing two hours of volunteer community work which is required from Babyland and SHARE.

The SHARE Program also is coor-

minated with the Babyland II Nutrition Class held each Monday as an educational program to teach parents the value of nutrition.

For further information regarding the SHARE program or how to initiate one please contact field representative Jeanette Carroll at 344-2400.

Theresa Walker
Social Worker

SHARE TYPICAL MENU

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| 5 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters | 3 lbs. Onions |
| 1 pkg. Turkey Breakfast Mix | 5 lbs. Potatoes |
| 1 pkg. Turkey Franks | 3 lbs. Sweet Potatoes |
| 1 2 lb. Turkey Pan Roast | 3 lbs. Apples |
| 1 head Cabbage | 2 each Grapefruit |
| 1 each Cauliflower | 3 lbs. Oranges |
| 1 each Celery | 1 each Brownie Mix |
| 2 each Cucumbers | 2 each Praline Pecans |
| 1 Bunch Greens | 1 Newspaper |



Above: Theresa Walker brings the first box of the SHARE food to Babyland II as Sylvia Parker (photo on right) instructs the volunteers.

Supermarket Update



Our future Pathmark shoppers appear to be getting impatient as they wait for the grand opening on South Orange Avenue.

Beat The Hill Street Blues

*Officer Chosen

New officers of the Tenants' Association at NC Douglas Homes, 15 Hill Street, are: Grace Chamber, President; Hattie Watson, Vice-President; Elizabeth Franklin, Treasurer; and Fred Cooper, Chaplain. The tenants are delighted with their newly-elected leaders, and already great plans are in the making.

*Scholarship Fund

In addition to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Dinner, which will be held at NC Associates, 180 South Orange Avenue in 1989, NC Social Services is sponsoring a bus trip to see DREAM GIRLS at Neil's Dinner Theater. Both events will benefit the Martin Luther King Youth Scholarship Fund.

Helen Vaughn, Chairwoman of the Social Committee came up with a great idea to make the theater tickets more affordable. She's organizing a raffle. Lucky winners will receive cash to be applied to the price of their tickets. If you'd like to go, get your ticket soon, so you won't be left out. 15 Hill is liable to fill the whole bus with raffle winners!

*Unique Thank You

One of the most beautiful gifts we humans enjoy is the inner resourcefulness that can turn sorrow into joy. Over Thanksgiving weekend, Catherine Crawford did just that, not only for herself, but also for many others. Her way of thanking people who had been kind to her during her recent bereavements was to invite all residents of 15 Hill to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Ms. Crawford had a little help in pro-

viding this feast from Newark's Mayor Sharpe James and some members of the City Council with whom she worked for many years.

*Just one more

Most of NC Douglas's thirteen Floor Captains, with their Captain, Mable Kearney, were present at a recent meeting. The only think unlucky about this number of unsung heroes and heroines is just that...the number. Douglas has fourteen residential floors. Surely there's one more person who has what it takes to provide so much reassurance to residents in so many unobtrusive ways. These are the people who call others if they haven't seen them for awhile, make special deliveries of important items such as THE CLARION, do whatever they can to enlist everyone's cooperation in keeping the scene clean, and get excited in November about decorating for Christmas. This group is planning a special holiday meeting for themselves which they really deserve since most have been serving others in this capacity for many years.

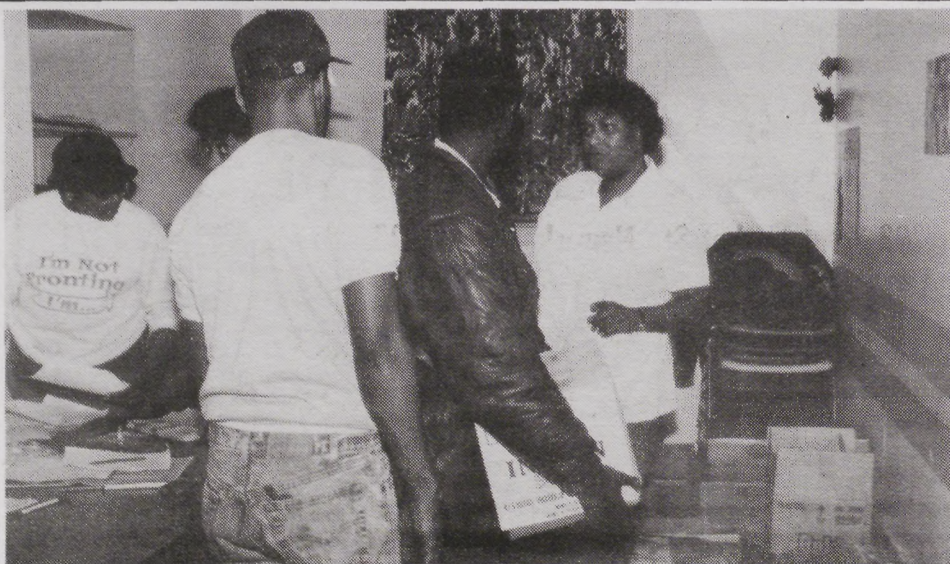
*Breakfast in bed (well almost!)

Coming soon! — a congregate breakfast program coordinated by Violet Brown. Residents will be able to enjoy the luxury of delicious, nutritious breakfast cooked by somebody else, without ever having to leave the building.

*View you

Watch this space for news of the Christmas Party for all residents of 15 Hill which will be held on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. Even Santa can't wait for this gala event.

The Hill Street Snoop



Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

Security Officer, Robert "Tank" Allen has been selected Officer of the Month for November, 1988.

Officer Allen, a six year veteran of the New Community Security force, was chosen because of his commitment to excellence and loyalty as a security officer.

He is permanently assigned to the NCC Extended Health Care Facility, 266 So. Orange Ave. where he has earned the respect of all.

Mary Gibson, Head Nurse on the 3rd floor of the facility, said of Allen: "He is just about the most cooperative person I have ever had the pleasure of working with. No favor asked is too big or too small, if he can help you. He is also very reliable. You can depend on him to always be there whenever we come out at night, escorting everyone, be they male or female to their car. Officer Allen is a true professional. In making this statement, I echo the sentiments of other staff members and supervisors as well."

It is the type of professional conduct exhibited by Officer Allen, affectionately referred to as "Tank" by his friends and colleagues, that provided



Head Nurse Mary Gibson and Boardmember Joe Chaneyfield present the Officer of the Month Award to S/O Robert "Tank" Allen at the NCC Extended Care Facility.

the incentive for the "Officer of the Month" program, stated Security Director James DuBose.

We wish to congratulate him on his achievement.

Security Officer Allen was presented with a plaque from the NCC Department of Security and the Katzins Uniform Company of Newark, co-sponsors of the program.

Thanks-giving for Extended Care Facility

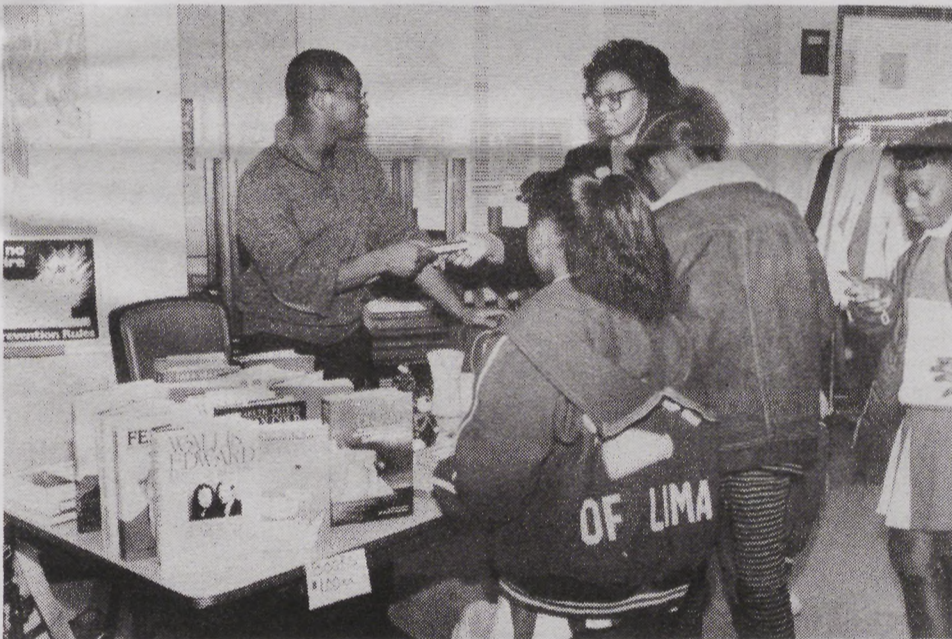
Fall leaves of gold and red, multicolored potted mums, pumpkins, turkeys and fresh fruits created a festive decor for the November 10 pre-Thanksgiving Dinner in honor of the Church groups who hold monthly services at the Extended Care Facility.

The Dietary Staff prepared a sumptuous Thanksgiving meal — with all the trimmings — and second helpings were readily at hand. Everyone enjoyed the special event and a lively fellowship was shared.

Seventeen Religious Services take place each month for the residents. The various denominations have been coming for over two years. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and commitment to sharing the Good News of the Lord.



Flea Market Held



Director of Activities Ron Burgess makes a sale at the recent Extended Care Facility Flea Market.



Left to right: Mr. Leonard Chollette, Sr. Consuela, Mrs. Rudder, Mrs. Debra Byrd and Rev. John Rudder enjoy a pre-Thanksgiving dinner for clergy volunteers.



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NCC Youngsters Vie For National Honors In RIF Poster Contest

NCC RIF Project's youngsters will use their imagination, artistic talents, and every color in the rainbow to express the joy of reading through their entries in the fourth annual Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) National Poster Contest.

One poster from the After School Program of St. Rose of Lima School and the Bruce Street site will be sent to Washington, D.C. to vie for national honors. The goal of the contest and other special activities conducted by NCC RIF is to encourage youngsters to read.

According to Mowbrey McKinley-Green, Project Coordinator, "youngsters are really thinking about what reading means to them. Seeing their artwork will inspire others to read, too."

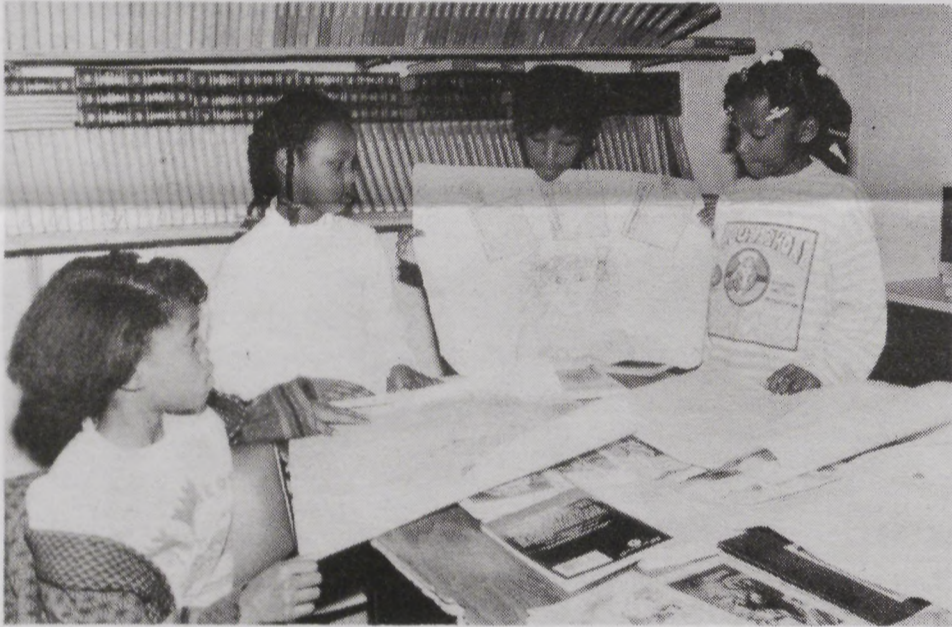
Every child who enters the local contest will receive artwork created by children's author and artist Tomie dePaola and a special certificate. Prizes for all participants are being sought and special prizes for our two finalists.

The national winner will receive a

\$500 U.S. Savings Bond and a trip to Washington, D.C. with his/her parents and RIF Coordinator to attend a special celebration during Reading Is Fun Week, April 23-29, 1989. A \$250 cash prize — to be used for purchasing books for children — will be awarded to the RIF program that submits the winning entry. Eight runners up and their local RIF programs will also receive prizes.

RIF is a nationwide, nonprofit organization now in its 22nd year. Through community programs such as the one conducted by New Community Corporation and local volunteers, RIF brings books to young people and inspires them to read. RIF's National Poster Contest is made possible by a grant from the Hallmark Corporate Foundation.

Donations of prizes, supplies, books and funding for this important project will be greatly appreciated by our youngsters who are trying very hard to improve their reading skills. Please contact the Social Services Department (623-6114) if you are able to assist our project.



Tarra Leslie, Rojelle Dunston, Yolanda Bennett, and Robia Taylor work on their RIF posters at the After School Program.

Youth On The Move

Double Dutch Exhibition

This was the first time the NCC Double Dutch Team has entered a Double Dutch Exhibition. It was a spontaneous gesture to attend.

The exhibition was given by Ms. Washington of the Boy's and Girl's Club and Yolanda Curry, Coordinator for NCC Youth Department. It was held at the Central Ward Boy's and Girl's Club on Avon Avenue in Newark.

There were several other competitors present to participate in this great affair. All teams practice really hard to perform their very best.

The teams were sort of shy and scared but once they overcame the fear of getting their act together, boy, did they perform well! The NCC team looked very energetic as they jumped together in rhythm.

Our special guests that appeared were some old timers; they had been

jumping rope since the early age of 7. Their ages now range from 30-38 years old. These ladies gave a fantastic show. What they can do with a jump rope make aerobic exercise classes a challenge, along with other routines to draw a crowd's attention.

The youngsters had mistakenly taken these grown women to still be of a youthful age, but to everyone's surprise they were not. They have kept their original name and are still known as the "Jump Sister Jump Group."

The NCC Double Dutch team has been so inspired that they are looking forward to a continuing competition as well as a good challenge.

Our main goal is to keep striving to be the best at whatever event we choose to participate in and to keep on doing our best, which will focus us in the right direction.

DECEMBER 1988

— NCC'S SENIOR ACTIVITY CALENDAR —

- Dec. 9 - Newark Boys Chorus Apprentice Group at 15 Hill Street 11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 10 - Hostess Raffle at 180 South Orange Avenue - 6 p.m.
- Holiday Dinner at St. Joe's - 4 p.m. buses leave from Sr. buildings. Cost \$22.00
- Dec. 12 - Newark Boys Chorus Apprentice Group at 140 S. Orange Ave. - 10 a.m.
- Manor Seniors crib blessing - 6 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - NCC Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 15 Hill Street - 11:30 a.m.
- Christmas Band at 265 Morris Avenue - 2-4 p.m. Come and Dance
- Dec. 15 - Manor's Golden Age Club Christmas Party - Lou de Groat 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Dec. 16 - 265 Christmas Party NC Gardens - 6 p.m.
- 15 Hill St. Christmas Party - 5:00 p.m.
- St. Rocco's Christmas Songs at 265 - 11:00 a.m.
- Bus trip to Rt. 3 Flea Market - 10 a.m. cost .50 each.
- Dec. 19 - Brown Bag Day
- Dec. 20 - 545 Orange Street Christmas Day of Celebration
- St. Rose Christmas Program at 545 - 10:00 a.m.
- Christmas Dance Band at 545 - 2-4:30 p.m.
- Christmas Luncheon at 545
- Dec. 21 - Winter Begins
- Christmas Dance Band at 140 South Orange Avenue - 5-6:30 p.m.
- 140 Commons Christmas Party - 5-6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23 - Holiday
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas and Feliz Navidad
- Dec. 26 - Holiday
- Dec. 27 - Christmas Dance Band at 180 South Orange Avenue 12-1 p.m.
- Jan. 1 - Happy New Year/Feliz Anos Nuevos
- Jan. 12 - Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund Raiser Dinner to be held at 180 South Orange Avenue - Cost \$5.00 time to be Announced.
- Jan. 13 - Trip to Neils Dinner Theater to see Dream Girls - 10:00 a.m. Ticket information call Joyce Cook 623-6299

Third Grader Is Outstanding

November's outstanding student in the After School Program at 220 Bruce Street was Omar Brown.

Omar is a third grader at Newton Street School. He does his homework faithfully, conscientiously and very thoroughly, plus he is very eager to follow directions. Mostly, the staff



Omar Brown

just simply enjoys Omar's presence no matter what activity the students are involved with. He is polite and kind, and the youth department staff enjoys working with Omar.

Congratulations, Omar, and keep up the good work and the good attitude!
Scott Santarosa

Bless This House

On Monday, December 12th at 6 p.m. we invite you to come to NC Manor, 545 Orange Street for its annual crib blessing ceremony.

Almost overnight, the grassy knoll in front of Manor has come to life with the addition of Baby Jesus and His family in the recreating of the Nativity Scene. The blessing of the crib is an annual event and attracts quite a few of our local residents as well.

The St. Rose Junior Choir will lead us in songs of rejoicing and Monsignor Linder will do the honors of bestowing a blessing upon the crib.

Afterwards, please join us inside for hot chocolate and pastries.

Joyce Cook

Non-Stop Christmas Fun

A day filled with good music, good food, friends and joy. If this sounds like fun to you, then make sure you don't miss the Christmas Day of Celebration at NC Manor on December 20. We'll be partying from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A nonstop day of entertainment has been planned beginning with a Christmas program by the choir of St. Rose of Lima, a fabulous band for your dancing pleasure, nonstop food and course an appearance from jolly old St. Nick himself, toting a bag of goodies for everyone.

All are welcome to come. A small donation of \$2.00 is being asked to help with the cost. But, do come and enjoy the day of celebration.

Behind The Shelter Door: Domestic Violence Is Not A Family Affair

American society is steeped in violence. Newspapers and TV have made it part of the daily diet of life. Insidiously, it has become a societal norm, and those who breathe a sigh of relief that it hasn't affected them or their loved ones are deceived.

Societal violence has affected every parent who worries about the safety of where the children play and walk and go to school. Societal tolerance allows children's cartoons to explode with violent scenes and gestures, in-

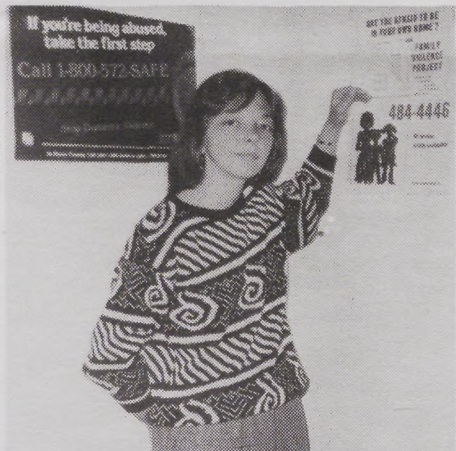
preferable to not see or, once seen, to forget.

Statistics are pretty easy to forget. Let yourself forget these: 1) Domestic violence is the number one health problem for women; 2) A woman is beaten by a man every eighteen seconds; 3) One out of every two women will be physically abused at some point in her life by the man with whom she lives (FBI estimate). And as you forget these things, convince yourself that you or a loved one will manage to be untouched and unharmed.

Domestic violence is not a family affair. It is a social sin with social implications. It is a way of life in this society that believes might is right, that war solves problems, that power and domination give security. Sanctuary through safe shelter can afford some women and children a place and time in which visible wounds can heal, but the invisible causes of the horrors they suffer exist beyond the doors of shelters in the attitudes of each person who buys into national power games and decisions to exercise military and militant shows of dominance. Such attitudes and actions not only destroy the human family on national and international levels but also subtly sift down to destroy family life in our own cities and towns and neighborhoods.

Women and their children who seek safe shelter because domestic violence threatens to destroy their very lives are both the victims of the violence that pervades our society and the prophets who won't be snuffed out, though we desire to not see and refuse to be people of peace.

Sr. Rita Foegen R.N., M.S.
Co-ordinator Essex County
Family Violence Program



Sr. Rita Foegen

stilling a belief that violence doesn't hurt "good guys" and that it's useful in eliminating "bad guys." And societal norms say, "All's fair in love and war." Since when do love and war have anything in common? — since society bought into violence as a "necessary evil". And ever since, we have participated in and suffered from a devastating social sin.

Most people don't want to see the effects of violence. The sight of places ravaged by war is disturbing; the bruises and lacerations and disfigurements of women beaten and battered by men they know are dreadful, sickening, distressing. It's

A Hot Demonstration

Veteran's Day, November 11, found many of the NCC after-school program's youngsters at a hot show. Senior Programmer for the NCC Senior Buildings, Joyce Cook, gave a talk which explained how the kiln at the 180 South Orange Avenue Senior Building works. The youths have recently been working on various ceramic projects under the supervi-

sion of the youth department staff. In October they painted small ceramic ghosts and pumpkins, and in November they painted ceramic turkeys. Once painted, the ceramic pieces are taken to 180 for firing. It was truly an enlightening day for the kids as they witnessed just how their painted art pieces take their final form.



Joyce Cook explains the ceramic kiln to some interested members of the After School Program.

Babyland Holds Its First Annual Inservice Program

Saturday, November 5, 1988, was a rainy blustery day, but it did not prevent Babyland employees from attending their first of two annual in-service training workshops. Through prayer, reflection, reading, hymns, and subliminal persuasion, led by Sister Dolores Russo, employees were inspired for the presentation of the guest speaker, Phylis Johnson Peterman, from Rutgers University, Newark, Social Work Department.

Ms. Peterman's workshop on Self Actualization was a combination of lecture, written exercises, and small group activity. During the lecture, the meaning of self-actualization was defined through the use of Maslow's Hierarchy of Need Pyramid. These needs, physical, safety, belonging, esteem, and ultimately self-actualization, were not only identified for adults, but were also identified for children. Employees completed written exercises to identify their strengths and weaknesses, shared these in small groups, and later with the entire audience.

With the help of volunteers from the audience, especially Anthony

Williams and Barbara Battle, employees did mock exercises to identify positive and negative behaviors and mannerisms that can be projected to children.

Each employee was given a Self-Change Contract whereby they will identify a specific action plan to remove an obstacle which prevents them from attaining self actualization, and they will identify a personal reward for a select number of times that they successfully comply with their action plan.

We are deeply grateful to Sisters Dolores Russo and Catherine Moran for their dedication and support of Babyland's efforts to inspire its employees to provide human service programs of the highest degree of excellence to all of its clients. We are also grateful to our employees who continue to demonstrate their interest in their work by participating and committing themselves even on a rainy blustery Saturday morning.

Martha Carroll
Babyland Assistant Director
for Human Resources

What Are You Most Thankful For?

This was the key question on which the youths in the After School Program at 220 Bruce Street focused during their Thanksgiving celebration on November 22. To remember the gestures of the pilgrims and Native American Indians so long ago, each child contributed something to the

other items and prepared the scrumptious feast.

Before any feasting began, each person present stood up and related to the group those things for which he or she was most thankful.

Special guest at the feast was Mrs. Kathleen Maher, 4th grade teacher



Yolanda Curry (left) organizes the kitchen crew for the Thanksgiving party.

meal, whether it was a can or two of food or a package of dinner rolls. Mrs. Linda Padilla and Ms. Orelia Stevens, two VISTA workers, together with Yolanda Curry and Scott Santarosa of the Youth Department then donated a turkey and

at Newton Street School who enjoyed visiting with many of the Newton Street students in the After School program at the celebration.

It was both a festive and reflective day for the After Schoolers to embark on this year's holiday season.



A moment of thanks!

St. Rose Of Lima Parents Meeting



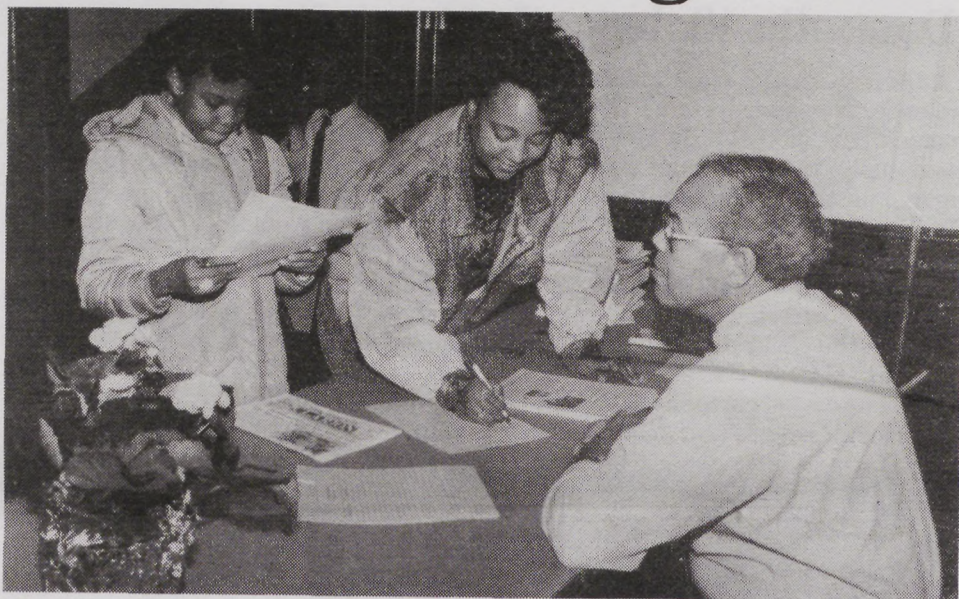
Teacher Martha Marshall shares good report card news with Terese Vannoy and her mother.

One hundred forty-six (146) parents attended the November Home School Association Meeting at St. Rose of Lima School.

Monsignor Linder, who was the guest speaker, encouraged parents to show religion working in their lives. He urged them to "set examples for our children." He said that the children "need to see that God is important in their parents' lives."

Monsignor Linder closed his remarks by explaining to the parents their obligation to place less stress on a commercial Christmas and more stress on the "true meaning of Christmas."

Other major highlights of the meeting were applause for Mrs. Bertha Walker and Mrs. Linda Padilla who have extended themselves to assist at Saint Rose School.



Bashirah Brown and her mother Vanessa sign in with Mr. Richard Proctor at the St. Rose parents' meeting.

Time Set Aside For Mother And Daughter Retreat

Early on a crisp November 7th morning thirty-six mothers and their daughters from Saint Rose School boarded a bus for the St. Rose Mother-Daughter Retreat in Elberon, New Jersey on the Jersey Shore. They arrived just a little late to catch the sunrise over the ocean, but the day and the view were gorgeous.

Many of the mothers had to ask for the day off from work in order to attend the Retreat. They thought that missing a day's pay was worthwhile

in order to spend the day with their daughters. The Retreat was the day before Election Day, a holiday for some of them.

The Retreat Director, Sister Paul Lee, O.S.P., an Oblate Sister from Baltimore, set the tone for the day with a prayer service which reminded them that, "There's So Little Time."

During the day mothers and their daughters spent time alone thinking and answering questions and coming

together to compare notes.

Sister Paul stressed the value of praying together as a family. Before the Retreat Day was over, mothers and their daughters made a commit-

one another.

Comments about the day were very rewarding.

"When will we have another Retreat?" "My daughter and I really



Ann and Frances Shepherd pause on retreat.

ment to God and each other that they would set aside a "special" time for prayer each day and keep to it no matter what happened.

Some time was spent on the beach walking, talking and thanking God for the beautiful day to be alone with



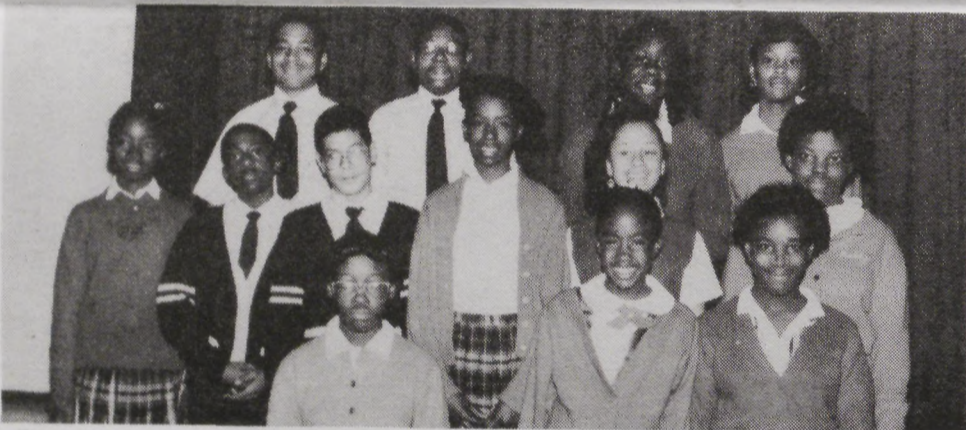
Sr. Paul Lee, Gloria Chambers and daughter Tahisha at the blessing ceremony.

shared ourselves in a way we had not done before." "It gave us time to be with our mothers and also to enjoy ourselves."

Everyone enjoyed themselves and felt refreshed at the end of the day.

Sister Clare Terrance O.S.P.

Thirteen Students Earn Honors



Bottom row, left to right (with grade): Tina Ogunbote (8), Takeyia Solomon (6), Frances Shepherd (6); Middle row: Chrystal Dunbar (6), Therron Works (6), Raymond Cabrera (7), Stacy Stewart (7), Connesha McDaniel (7), Olubukola Ijaola (8); Top row: Dale Ellis (7), Carl Nemorin (8), Frances Smith (8) and Nadirah Brown (8). Each of these students received nothing less than B in their subjects and were chosen by their homeroom teachers.

***** Christmas *****

Born in a stable cradled in a manger, God was made manifest, and as God - child lifted earth to Heaven and stooped Heaven to earth. People were looking for a king to defeat their foes, but instead came a little Baby, announced with tidings and song, to bring peace to hearts long despairing.

This phenomenal event turned the world's night into a perfect day. From the ageless garden of time, Baby Jesus came to release man from sin and death. He was God's self-communication to man and the only source of our knowledge of God. Foreordained to one date flower across eternity, in the hinge of history

He would cause the years to recede and advance, (B.C. and A.D.).

"Mary brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn," (Luke 2:7). May there be, this Christmas, room for Christ in your home and in your hearts spiritually, and may there be "peace and good will..."

Christmas, if it means anything, means Christ is born to us, born in us, and therefore our souls are born to new life by receiving Him.

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"Peace On Earth To All Mankind" (Mark 2:14)



"I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people..." (Luke 2:10)